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CLOSURES ON I-5/I-405 JUNCTION (UPDATE)

SYLMAR – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the closure of one regular use lane on the northbound San Diego Freeway (I-405), from Rinaldi Street to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) junction, and the northbound I-405 Rinaldi Street on-ramp, daily, Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25, from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m., weather permitting, for drain cleaning.

During the closure all vehicles may use the northbound I-405 carpool lane, from Rinaldi Street to the I-5 junction, as a regular use lane. A portable changeable message signboard will be placed on the northbound I-405 right shoulder with the message: "ALL VEHICLES OK TO USE CARPOOL LANE"

The estimated duration of these emergency closures is expected to be until April 2005.

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